

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

Applicant: Osamu TAJIMA  
Title: *COMPOSITIONS FOR INHIBITION OR PREVENTION OF  
BONE DENSITY*  
Appl. No.: 10/552,447  
Filing Date: 8/17/2006  
Examiner: Catheryne Chen  
Art Unit: 1655  
Confirmation Number: 2302

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 12, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 27 and 28, drawn to a method of inhibition or prevention of a bone mineral density reduction of a mammal. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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